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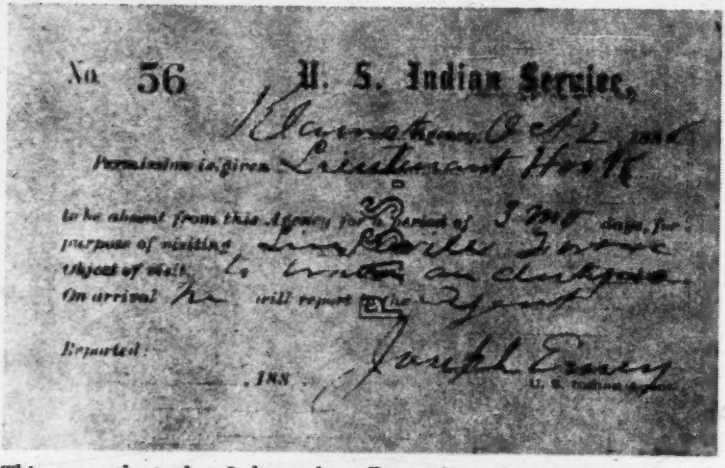
appointed sergeants of the force. "This," he added, "would give these chiefs something to do & a support. They would be interested in watching their people and in keeping good order."[61] The move also would counter the opposition to the police among the chiefs themselves, led by Allen David.

Once the force was authorized, Nickerson became aware of its peculiar jurisdictional limitations. When he sent the police



This pass authorized an Indian police officer to leave the reservation for three months while on duty in the Linkville area. 1886.

to Linkville to round up Indians absent without passes and to pursue Indian horse thieves, he was informed that they had no power to make arrests off the reservation: the United States authorities must be notified to act. Yet when the turbulent Spokane Ike shot Skookum Doctor and fled, to be captured by the Indian police near Prineville, the U.S. District Attorney declined jurisdiction, saying that it lay either with the state courts or with the tribe. Accordingly, "the chiefs in council, acting as a grand jury, accused Spokane Ike of the crime of murder. A court was held, the Indian Agent presiding. A jury, of twelve of the most intelligent Indians of the tribe was selected. . . ." Both by the testimony of a witness and by his own statement the defendant was found guilty of murder in the first degree. Upon further